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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/177,711
Filing Date	October 23, 1998
Examiner Name	Wang, S.
First Named Inventor	Adams et al.
Group Art Unit	1617
Attorney Docket Number	10692V-000210US

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-1430

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- i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 740.00 CH
- iii. Other _____

- b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
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Name (Print /Type)	Joseph R. Snyder	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	39,381
Signature		Date	November 26, 2002

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 2632)

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	740	2001	370	Utility filing fee	
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
1003	510	2003	255	Plant filing fee	
1004	740	2004	370	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	-21** =	Extra Claims		Fees from below	Fee Paid
			X\$18		
Independent Claims	9	-3** =	6	X\$84	\$504
Multiple Dependent			X		

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$972)

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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1051	130	2051	65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052	50	2052	25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.
1053	130	1053	130 Non-English specification
1812	2,520	1812	2,520 For filing a request for reexamination
1804	920*	1804	920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	110	2251	55 Extension for reply within first month
1252	400	2252	200 Extension for reply within second month
1253	920	2253	460 Extension for reply within third month
1254	1,440	2254	720 Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	1,960	2255	980 Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	320	2401	160 Notice of Appeal
1402	320	2402	160 Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	280	2403	140 Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	1451	1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	110	2452	55 Petition to revive – unavoidable
1453	1,280	2453	640 Petition to revive – unintentional
1501	1,280	2501	640 Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	460	2502	230 Design issue fee
1503	620	2503	310 Plant issue fee
1460	130	1460	130 Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	1807	50 Petitions related to provisional applications
1806	180	1806	180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	40	8021	40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809	740	2809	370 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
1810	740	2810	370 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))
1801	740	2801	370 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802	900	1802	900 Request for expedited examination of a design application
Other fee (specify) _____			

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid SUBTOTAL (3)

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Application No.: 09/177,711

Filed: October 23, 1998

For: COMBINATION THERAPY FOR
TREATMENT OF ERECTILE
DYSFUNCTION

Examiner: Wang, S.

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 29, 2002, please amend this application as follows. A three-month extension of time and a Request for Continued Examination accompanies this response.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims 81-106:

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